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H.B. No. 1203

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education
3 Coordinating Board for public junior colleges to offer
4 baccalaureate degree programs.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 130.302, Education Code, as added by
7 Chapter 766 (S.B. 2118), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular
8 Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 130.302. BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS; GENERAL
10 AUTHORIZATION. The coordinating board may authorize public junior
11 colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs in any field as
12 provided by this subchapter. Offering a baccalaureate degree
13 program under this subchapter does not otherwise alter the role and
14 mission of a public junior college.

15 SECTION 2. Sections 130.303(b) and 130.306(a) and (b),
16 Education Code, as added by Chapter 766 (S.B. 2118), Acts of the
17 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, are repealed.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.